

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Clarendon County was named after one of the Lords Proprietors, Edward Hyde, the Earl of Clarendon, and existed as part of Craven County, St. Marks Parish of Camden District, and Sumter District before its permanent reestablishment by legislative action in 1855; and

**WHEREAS,** contributing to the history of our state and nation, Clarendon County was the site of several battles and skirmishes during the American Revolution and the home of the landmark *Briggs v. Elliott* court case; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to claiming five governors, Clarendon County has been home to many famous Americans including tennis star Althea Gibson, author Peggy Parish, and former Miss America Marion McKnight; and

**WHEREAS,** this year, Clarendon County is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 19, 2005, as

### CLARENDON COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many important contributions made by the people and places in Clarendon County to the rich history of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**